

Town Council Meeting Minutes
North Town Hall
November 12, 2018

Mayor Carson called the regular meeting of Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Councilmembers Cook, Jackson, and Jones.

- Mayor Carson declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.
- Mayor Carson then led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the October 8th, 2018 Council meeting minutes. Councilmember Cook seconded the motion and upon vote the minutes were approved unanimously.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Lin Shirer (report attached)

- Chief Shirer reported that there had been an armed robbery in October and that it was being investigated.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Council reviewed the account statement for October, 2018. Mayor Carson stated that she is in the process of turning in penny sales tax receipts.
- Council recognized Mr. Marlon Millhouse for his volunteer efforts to keep the town clean. Councilmember Jones stated Mr. Millhouse helped people pull their garbage cans to the curb for pick up and that he walks around town picking up trash out of the street. Mayor Carson presented Mr. Millhouse with an orange safety vest and thanked him.

MAYOR'S REPORT (attached)

- Mayor Carson introduced Mr. Al Jenkins, a representative from Senator Tim Scott's office. Mr. Jenkins wanted to wish everyone a happy Veteran's Day from Senator Scott's office. He also said to reach out to Senator Scott's office for help with any homeless veterans.
- Mayor Carson reported that several years ago the land behind Town Hall was deeded to the Town from CSX railroad. Mayor Carson had the land properly recorded and surveyed. Mayor Carson is planning to apply for grants and get volunteers to turn the land into a veteran's memorial.
- Mayor Carson also wanted to thank an anonymous resident for his help cleaning up Drew-Owen Park.
- Mayor Carson announced that Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Washington had submitted his resignation and turned in his keys on November 1st, 2018, in the town's drop box. Mayor Carson stated that she will be reaching out to the Orangeburg County Election Commission to hold a special election.
- Mayor Carson also asked the public to please pick up a red and a pink flyer from the back table. The pink flyers had Eartha Kitt Gala information and the red flyers had Christmas at the North Pole information.
- Mayor Carson announced that the Eartha Kitt Gala will be in held in January. Mayor Carson stated that Ms. Kitt's daughter, Mrs. Kitt Shapiro will bring items from Mrs. Kitt's estate to be auctioned off in a silent auction. She also said that the event would include dinner and a performance from the Columbia City Ballet featuring original choreography. Mayor Carson stated that seating would be limited and only 250 tickets would be for sale, at \$20 per ticket.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilmember Jackson, as a member of the Christmas Committee, gave an update on the 2nd Annual Christmas at the North Pole Event. Councilmember Jackson announced that the Christmas at the North Pole event will be held on Saturday December 8th. Jackson reported that the parade will start 10 am, there will be food and craft vendors, games for the children, a raffle and end with a fireworks show at 5:30 pm. He stated that the 1972 North High School championship football team will be the Grand Marshall of the parade.
- Councilmember Cook added that the Christmas at the North Pole Event raffle will be all day long and that proceeds will go towards new Christmas decorations for the Town. Councilmember Jackson also

stated that the free family movie night was canceled due to the rain and Councilmember Cook said that it will be rescheduled for the spring.

- Councilmember Jones asked the public to contact him if they knew of any street signs that were missing and he would send an official letter requesting their replacement. Mayor Carson noted several signs she had noticed that needed replacing along Hwy 178. Councilmember Jones also stated that generator information he had gathered on the 16th was for hurricane Florence and that he would be looking at other potential grants to purchase a generator. Councilmember Jones also stated that if power had been lost the County would furnish a generator to help the Town.
- Councilmember Cook reported that she is looking into a grant that would help pay for advertising for a local farmers market. She also stated that she wants to discuss having a control burn to clean up the ditches along the railroad tracks with the Fire Chief. Councilmember Cook announced that the planning commission will meet on December 20th to begin working on the empty buildings tour again.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- At 7:32 pm Councilmember Jones made a motion to move into executive session to discuss the pending sale of assets. Councilmember Cook seconded the motion and upon vote it was approved unanimously. At 7:36 Council returned from executive session. No decisions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.
- Upon return to public session Councilmember Jones made a motion to sell the Town's used SCADA system. Councilmember Cook seconded the motion and upon vote the motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (written request)

- There were no written requests for public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS per sign-in sheet (3 minutes)

- There were no public comment requests per the sign in sheet.

ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business Councilmember Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jackson and upon vote the motion was unanimously approved.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 10th, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne B. Culler
Town Clerk

Mayor Patty Carson:

Patty Carson

Council Members:

Julius Jones:

Julius Jones

Daniel Jackson:

Daniel Jackson

Deborah Cook:

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